Scientific Citation Index

*435. SHRI K.B. KRISHNA MURTHY:
SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA:

Will the Minister of SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the number of scientific papers from the country that are included in Scientific Citation Index have gone down over the years;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;

(c) what steps are being taken to improve the situation; and

(d) the number of foreign scientific publications that have shown inclination to set up their publications in India ever since the policy to permit FDI in publishing scientific journals was enunciated?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY (SHRI KAPIL SIBAL): (a) to (c) No Sir, the number of scientific papers from the country that are included in Scientific Citation Index (SCI) had steadily increased over the years. The number of paper published in the year 2000 was 12,127 which has increased to 16,001 in the year 2004.

(d) As on 5th December, 2005, 18 cases of foreign scientific journals/ periodicals/magazines have been approved for setting up their publications in India.

Telephone exchanges damaged by naxalites

*436. SHRIMATI S.G. INDIRA: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government was helpless in connecting many villages across the country due to naxalite problem;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is a fact that at many places the naxalites damaged the telephone exchanges; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (SHRI DAYANIDHI MARAN): (a) and (b) Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited (BSNL) has encountered problems in providing